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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrea Kamage f r Robert C. Millonig on February 25, 1999.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 114, line 1, delete "VEGF-3".

In claim 115, line 1, delete "VEGF-3".

In claim 133, line 1, delete "VEGF-3".

- 3. The Information Disclosure Statement fil d 11 June 1998, pap r #21, has be n consid red, including information regarding related applications to SEQ ID NO:1. A copy of the signed and dat d IDS accompanies this correspondance.
- 4. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine Saoud, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 305-7519. The examiner can normally be reach d on Monday to Friday from 8AM to 3PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lila Feisee, can b reached on (703) 308-2731. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-0294.

Official papers filed by fax should be directed to (703) 308-4227. Faxed draft or informal communications with the examiner should be directed to (703) 308-0294.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to th Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Christine Saoud, Ph.D. February 25, 1999

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